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Memorandum

TO : Pat Lasbury, Consul

DATE: January 6, 1981

FROM : Howard A. Lane, PAO Howard A. Lane

SUBJECT: Missing American Citizen; John J. Sullivan

1. Mr. Sullivan has been reported missing by the Hotel Sheraton. He checked into the hotel Sheraton December 28 and has not been seen since. According to the hotel he has not used his room. When they checked the room yesterday they found his clothes, toilet articles, plus his typewriter, tape recorder and camera, leading them to believe that he was a journalist. One of the cassettes he left behind has him reporting to CBS from Brazil several months ago.

2. His registration card at the hotel has his age at 26 and the following address: 263 Summit Ave., Bogota, New Jersey 07603. Passport No. K1906763.

3. According to the Casa Presidencial and the Ministry of Defense he did not report in to either office. Col. Gonzalez of the MOD press office is checking for more information with Immigration. In the meantime, I am going to the hotel at 1 pm today to inspect Sullivan's effects and to get a physical description.

4. According to the CBS-TV team, the story is already on the wire service. They got a call from CBS Atlanta who knew nothing about Sullivan.

5. Recommend you try to trace Sullivan through his U.S. address soonest.

cc: M. Dion, Chargé
J. Bosch, DAO

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